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RESPONSE TO NOTICE
TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed February 27, 2001, to which a response is due without extension on or before April 27, 2001, Applicants enclose the following documents:

1. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;

2. a Substitute Specification;
3. an Assignment for recordal together with the required cover sheet (in duplicate);
4. a copy of the Notice; and
5. a check in the amount of \$460.00 for payment of the filing fee (\$355.00), surcharge for late filing of the Declaration (\$65.00) and the assignment recordal fee (\$40.00).

If Applicants have overlooked the payment of any necessary fees, or if an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit or debit Deposit Account No. 50-1682 for same. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

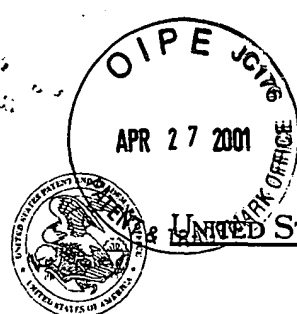


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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 420.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
 - Line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract is not 1-1/2 or double spaced (See 37 CFR 1.52(b)).

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